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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SEPTEMBER, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.6.1959 -	Metropolitan at 30.6.1959
Males - 368,477 Females - 350,687 Persons - 719,164	Persons - 389,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	AUGUST				Eight Months ended AUGUST			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	375	6.13	287	4.78	3,498	7.33	3,283	7.00
Births	1,462	23.91	1,277	21.26	11,411	23.91	11,174	23.84
Deaths	462	7.56	554	9.22	3,666	7.68	3,694	7.88
Infant Mortality (b)	29	19.84	23	18.01	207	18.14	229	20.49

a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	3	6	18	18
Malignant neoplasms	65	74	603	588
Diabetes mellitus	5	8	31	33
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	4	13	11
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	56	59	428	448
Diseases of the heart	170	197	1,173	1,212
Hypertension with heart disease	9	18	79	109
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	6	26	38
Arteriosclerosis	14	10	88	87
Influenza	2	2	78	4
Pneumonia	14	31	135	132
Bronchitis	5	8	52	45
Other respiratory diseases	9	7	42	38
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	5	25	28
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	1	21	23
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	4	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	2	16	20
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	5	45	44
Disease of the prostate	3	5	38	36
Natural causes	-	-	4	6
Diseases of early infancy	18	13	122	135
Motor vehicle accidents	12	21	114	126
Other accidents	11	9	120	107
Suicide	7	10	54	65
All other causes	40	53	337	335
Total:	462	554	3,666	3,694

# LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, 1959, totalled 745,348 acres, an increase of 126,603 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 11,242,049 acres, an increase of 7,516,515 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,718,262	4,435,095	13,867,623	12,700,564
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 10. 11	6. 5. 2	19. 5. 3	17. 19. 2
Expenditure	4,853,262	4,838,259	15,600,755	14,933,392
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 14. 8	6. 16. 7	21. 13. 4	21. 2. 3

## SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of September, 1959, amounted to £74,549,002 or £103-7-11 per head of population as against £67,654,056 or £95-7-7 per head at the end of September, 1958.

## BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 30th September, 1959, amounted to £17,153,125 compared with £14,039,623 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,840	1,637	5,588	5,139
	£.	3,062,387	2,523,871	8,377,135	8,140,325
Mortgages	No.	1,413	1,272	4,155	4,069
	£.	2,950,549	2,356,713	8,553,835	7,909,086
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,094	915	3,310	2,946

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

### AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
September, 1959	4,557,364	3,382,190	10,681,622	729,854
September, 1958	3,778,547	3,230,227	10,691,693	584,424
Three Months ended September, 1959	11,893,667	9,382,329	32,208,062	1,885,904
Three Months ended September, 1958	10,938,224	9,350,317	31,216,333	1,700,681



COMPANIES REGISTERED

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BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	29	59,096	13,980	34	277,718	64,582
Deeds of Assignment (a)	15	57,210	67,218	22	174,453	151,645
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,171,000	995,500	2,480,000	2,021,600
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,243,502	1,220,420	2,612,205	2,500,411
Train Miles Run	No.	644,954	594,333	1,362,498	1,220,593
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)94,569	(c)95,308	(d)156,032	(e)160,814
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,195,097	1,124,929	2,383,291	2,252,550
Motor Bus	No.	27,307	26,157	45,719	46,882
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		324,626	237,954	703,797	505,538
Livestock		11,852	9,438	22,606	18,743
Departmental (Free Freight)		64,184	62,260	139,493	130,457
Total:		400,662	309,652	865,896	654,738
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Paying Goods		52,709,637	39,906,693	115,504,336	86,660,116
Livestock		1,734,218	1,356,353	3,342,869	2,706,214
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,822,198	6,009,222	11,870,063	13,263,142
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Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	1,102,500	1,061,094
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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
July	76,871	25,687	588	9,113	(c) 118,434	(c) 65,425	(c) 1,209	(c) 13,230
August	77,129	25,707	598	9,095	(c) 119,237	(c) 65,929	(c) 1,222	(c) 13,306

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

(c) Estimated. Subject to revision.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency  
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	3,470	4,693	7,615	10,240	6,971	6,662	13,303	14,908
Interstate	8,378	9,262	16,831	15,974	1,357	3,281	4,468	5,030
Total:	11,848	13,955	24,446	26,214	8,328	9,943	17,771	19,938



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173

## GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity Fine oz.	66,501	68,744	609,849	609,391
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	1,039,077	1,074,131	9,528,288	9,521,715
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	1,102,500	1,061,094

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2998	3129	2967	3043	2758	2830	2731	2790
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3222	3388	3187	3293	2663	2734	2639	2695
Northam	3111	3195	3093	3125	2716	2767	2701	2729
Bunbury	3091	3140	3136	3082	2786	2852	2785	2817
Geraldton	3238	3453	3222	3322	2962	3100	2943	3030
Collie	3199	3284	3186	3197	2539	2580	2526	2546

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
September	138.3	45.2	183.5	September	138.8	46.2	185.0
October	138.7	45.2	183.9	October	139.2	46.2	185.4
November	139.1	45.7	184.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	227
June	230	239	235	231	228	225
July	230	238	231	229	225	225
August	230	239	230	229	225	226
September	232	241	233	232	225	
October	233	241	233	232	226	
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
26/10/59	14.	1.	6	9.	3.	0	14.	1.	3

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
August, 1959	24,308	2,535	106,418	48,486	15,814
August, 1958	22,025	2,888	113,045	49,020	18,971
2 Months ended August, 1959	49,929	4,975	221,410	95,320	29,312
2 Months ended August, 1958	44,124	5,442	211,645	83,924	35,773

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
August, 1959	5,337	94	1,965	623	877
August, 1958	4,692	109	2,105	661	704
2 Months ended August, 1959	10,872	182	4,051	1,195	1,616
2 Months ended August, 1958	9,496	199	3,930	1,123	1,362

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
8 Mths.ended August, 1958	4,468	5,909	1,644	2,320	6,112	8,229	54	128	2,000	2,942
8 Mths.ended August, 1959	4,147	5,592	1,649	2,325	5,796	7,917	51	106	2,059	2,991
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	625	198	270	647	895	2	8	247	346
May	579	748	199	309	778	1,057	5	15	254	397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
July	560	*757	235	*316	795	*1,073	8	11	269	*388
August	612	811	204	288	816	1,099	1	9	276	373

\* Revised.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958				1959								
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<b>SHEEP</b>													
Suckers	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-
Shorn	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-
Shorn	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5
Shorn	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6
<b>CATTLE</b>													
Baby Beef	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1
Heifers	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4
Cows	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10
Steers	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1
Bullocks	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10
<b>PIGS</b>													
Slips	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10
Porkers	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0
Baconers	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4

# AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958				1959								
		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10
Oranges - Navel	bush.	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7
- Val.	bush.	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9
- Other	bush.	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11
Apricots	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate $\neq$	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2
Cauliflowers	dozen	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5
Lettuce	crate	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4
Table Celery	doz.head	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5
Beetroot	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1
Carrots	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt/bag	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0
Swedes	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5
Peas	lb.	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	3	5	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	7
Pumpkin	bag	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

(d) Onion Pool closed 11th May.

$\neq$  50 lb. crate

# RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,523	8,326	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,522	82,592	18,824	12,452	15,488
1958	26,214	18,131	11,230	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,257	24,484	16,191	19,052
MONTH:													
1958 - January	2,280	1,598	996	124	91	62	5,437	453	366	7,841	2,142	1,424	17,838
February	2,099	1,615	1,005	164	136	93	4,661	389	310	6,924	2,140	1,408	17,841
March	2,277	1,571	971	206	181	123	4,501	382	305	6,984	2,134	1,399	18,155
April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,997	323	261	6,533	2,125	1,367	* 20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,808	270	220	6,178	1,848	1,198	* 20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,830	296	240	6,138	1,785	1,161	* 20,779
July													(g) 20,887
August													(g) 21,122

( Particulars not yet available )

(a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.

(b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(g) Preliminary estimate; subject to revision. \* Revised.



# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(£ Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods and Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excl. Motor Vehicles etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts Petrol, etc. (d)
<b>YEAR</b>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	163.9	56.3
<b>March Qtr.</b>											
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	37.8	12.7
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	38.6	12.3
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	40.5	14.1
1959	(c)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	39.9	13.9
<b>June Qtr.</b>											
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	37.7	11.1
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	39.8	13.5
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	40.8	13.8
<b>Sept. Qtr.</b>											
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.1	11.2
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	38.1	13.7
1958	(e)	(e)	(c)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(c)	37.9	13.0
<b>Dec. Qtr.</b>											
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	41.3	12.3
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	44.5	14.7
1958	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	42.4	14.2

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	487	399	1,046	1,039
Bricks - Cement	'000	90	268	140	433
- Clay	"	9,057	7,840	19,075	16,783
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	103	109	220	225
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,824	2,066	3,808	4,388
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	28,425	21,354	57,060	42,799
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	476	440	972	901
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	19,265	17,958	39,803	37,027
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	914	939	2,213	2,356
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	489	788	775	1,212
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,357	5,287	10,270	10,878
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	48	93	138	166
- 2 piece	"	1,577	1,457	3,032	2,785
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,939	4,462	11,584	9,531
- Work	"	13,063	13,415	29,996	29,969
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	40,090	44,351	76,654	94,395
Slippers	"	11,157	18,681	23,426	38,610
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	204	152	381	258
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	8,375	8,736	15,411	15,621
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	628	420	1,144	877
Butter	"	1,969	1,594	3,660	3,044
Cheese	"	410	262	771	436
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	669	463	1,194	845
- Sulphuric	ton	22,164	20,318	35,472	30,684
Coal	"	79,012	76,892	166,177	160,243
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	75,576	73,126	154,074	149,530
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	126	136	253	273
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,497	2,785	5,473	5,493
- Woven Wire	"	1,101	837	1,970	3,152
- Soft Filled	"	2,721	3,104	5,953	5,790
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	13	26	25	44
Truck Trays	"	41	42	68	65
Pig Iron	ton	3,320	1,704	6,939	3,516
Superphosphate	"	61,408	57,843	97,153	84,289
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	1,936	1,558	4,900	3,639

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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